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Drug diversion allegations result in pharmacy technician's license suspension

Woman charged with diverting narcotics from Pierce County business where she worked

OLYMPIA — A pharmacy technician charged with diverting large amounts of controlled substances from the Pierce County pharmacy where she worked has had her credential immediately suspended by the Board of Pharmacy and the Washington State Department of Health. Osmack Ly (PTEC.VA.00046334) can't practice or be employed as a pharmacy technician until the charges are resolved.

The statement of charges says that between about September 2006 and September 2009, Ly diverted Norco tablets from her workplace. Norco is a hydrocodone and acetaminophen combination. Ly has 20 days to respond to the charges and 10 days to request a prompt hearing.

The statement of charges and summary documents are available online by clicking the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the Department of Health [home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov) or by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report the complaint.

The Board of Pharmacy regulates pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in Washington. The program establishes, monitors and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms and discipline. Rules, policies and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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